

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-13, 25-28, 31, 32, 34-37 and 49 are pending in the present application. Claims 6, 14-24, 29, 30, 38-48 and 50 are canceled herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5 and 33 were previously cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1-5, 9-13;
- II. Claims 6 and 7;
- III. Claims 8, 14-24, 38-48 and 50;
- IV. Claims 25-37.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has amended the claims such that this restriction is moot. In particular, Claim 25 has been amended to be an apparatus claim similar to Claim 1, and Claim 49 has been amended to be a program product claim similar to Claim 1. All remaining claims are dependent claims which ultimately depend upon these Claims 1, 25 and 49.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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